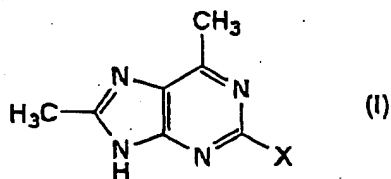


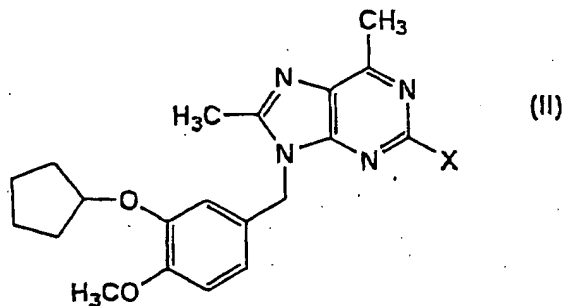
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by the following general formula (I), or a salt thereof:



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

2. A compound represented by the following general formula (II), or a salt thereof:



where X is a group represented by $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$,

-OSO₂-(CH₂)_m-B, -OCO-(CH₂)_m-B or -OPO(OR)-(CH₂)_m-B, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. A method of producing

4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, comprising using a compound according to Claim 1 or its salt as an intermediate.

4. A method of producing

4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, comprising using a compound according to Claim 2 or its salt as an intermediate.

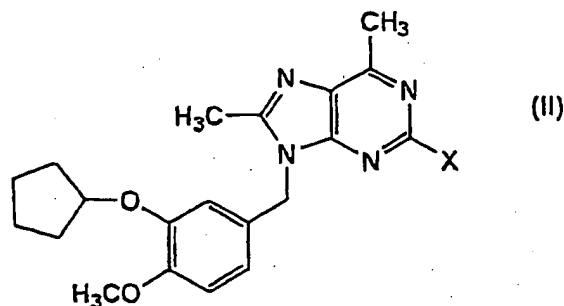
5. 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-

dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, which is produced by the method of claim 3.

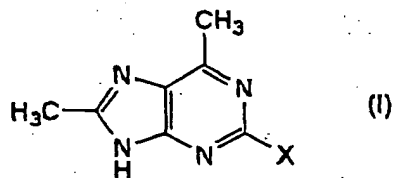
6. 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-

dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl]pyridine N-oxide, which is produced by the method of claim 4.

7. A method for producing a compound represented by the following general formula (II) or a salt thereof, comprising reacting a compound represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof and a compound represented by the following general formula (VI) or a salt thereof:

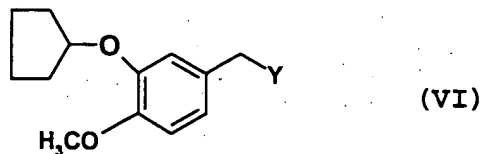


where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group

or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where Y is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-\text{OSO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, $-\text{OCO}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$ or $-\text{OPO}(\text{OR})-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, wherein m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.